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1. (Amended) A method for facilitating online payment transactions between participants in a network-based transaction facility, the method comprising:

communicating information to a first participant via a communications network, the information identifying a plurality of payment instruments available for processing online payment transactions in the network-based transaction facility;

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receiving payment option information from the first participant via the communications network, the payment option information indicating a willingness of the first participant to accept payments from a second participant via at least one of the plurality of payment instruments;

communicating the payment option information to the second participant via the communications network; and

accepting personal billing information concerning a payment instrument selected by the second participant from the at least one payment instrument acceptable to the first participant, the personal billing information being accepted via the communications network to facilitate an online payment transaction between the first participant and the second participant.

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13. (Amended) A system for facilitating online payment transactions between participants in a network-based transaction facility, the system comprising:

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the network-based transaction facility to implement a transaction system that facilitates business transactions between a user and a further user;

a client, coupled to the network-based transaction facility, to present information identifying a plurality of payment instruments available for processing online payment

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transactions pertaining to corresponding business transactions and to communicate payment option information of the user over a communications network, the payment option information indicating a willingness of the user to accept a payment from the further user via at least one of the plurality of payment instruments; and

an online payment service, coupled to the network-based transaction facility and the client via the communications network, to receive the payment option information from the client, to make the payment option information available to the further user via the communications network, to enable the further user to select a preferred payment instrument from the at least one of the payment instruments acceptable to the user, and to accept personal billing information concerning the preferred payment instrument from the further user via the communications network.

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25. (Amended) A machine-readable medium comprising instructions, which when executed on a machine, cause the machine to perform a method for facilitating online payment transactions between participants in a network-based transaction facility, the method comprising:

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communicating information to a first participant via a communications network, the information identifying a plurality of payment instruments available for processing online payment transactions in the network-based transaction facility;

receiving payment option information from the first participant via the communications network, the payment option information indicating a willingness of the first participant to accept payments from a second participant via at least one of the plurality of payment instruments;

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communicating the payment option information on the second participant via the communications network; and

accepting personal billing information concerning a payment instrument selected by the second participant from the at least one payment instrument acceptable to the first participant, the personal billing information being accepted via the communications network to facilitate an online payment transaction between the first participant and the second participant.
